

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as rewritten below:

- ✓ 3. A method according to claim 1, in which the property changed is that of the shape of the cells.
- ✓ 4. A method according to claim 1, in which the cell sample is subject to an alteration to cause the cells to sphere.
- ✓ 6. A method according to claim 1, in which alterations in the cell population are detected by passing one or more aliquots of the cell sample through a sensor which is adapted to count the number of cells passing through the sensor.
- ✓ 8. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of pretreating the sample of cells to induce, or at least attempt to induce, agglutination.
- ✓ 9. A method according to claim 1, in which the cell sample is obtained from a source of whole blood.
- ✓ 13. A method according to claim 10, in which the antibodies from the different source are manufactured, or come from whole blood, plasma or serum.
- ✓ 14. A method according to claim 8, in which the sample of cells is pre-treated by exposure to heat.

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